

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-3, 12 and 19 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 7, 8, 11 and 14-16 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 4-11, 13-18 and 20-22 are now pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 4-6 and 20-22. Further, Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14-18. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has rewritten claims 14, 15 and 16 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 14-16 are now in condition for allowance. Further, claims 17 and 18 depend from allowable claim 16 and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 7-13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0190905 to Flint et al. (hereinafter "Flint"). As to canceled claims 1-3 and 19, the rejection is moot. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 7-13 for at least the following reasons.

As to claims 7-10, Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8 to depend from allowed claim 4. Thus, as amended, claims 7-10 depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowed claim 4 and are, therefore, patentable for at least that reason, as well as for additional patentable features when those claims are considered as a whole.

As to claims 11-13, Applicant has amended claim 11 to recite that "the antenna comprises a second element in a nested configuration with the first element." Support for this feature is found in the originally filed specification and drawings including, for example, in Figure 12 and at Page 13, lines 5-6. Since Flint fails to teach or suggest at least this feature, amended claim 11 is patentable. Claims 12 and 13 depend directly from allowable claim 11 and are, therefore, patentable for at least that reason, as well as for additional patentable features when those claims are considered as a whole.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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